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In the Matter of)

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Broadband Powerline)

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ET Docket No. 04-37

COMMENTS OF ROBERT G. WHEATON

Comments are hereby submitted in response to the above-referenced Notice of Proposed Rule Making. The Comments OPPOSE amending the Commission's Rules to permit and foster development of such a plan as being technically unsound and certain to cause harmful interference to numerous radio spectrum users—as already noted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in public statements well known to the Commissioners. BPL where already attempted has proven to be as detrimental to other spectrum users as had been predicted, and early field trials in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York were monitored and found to cause harmful interference during mobile monitoring by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). What a surprise! Engineers from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) had earlier monitored BPL tests conducted in Scotland, noting the same harmful interference. In several other places in Europe where BPL tests have been conducted the plan has been withdrawn when it proved to be unworkable and caused harmful interference to public safety communications of the same governments which had enthusiastically encouraged this folly. The Commission's enthusiasm for such a plan is thus incomprehensible; the one explanation which does seem credible is that with the current rampant levels of government corruption, the Commissioners have become intoxicated by the smell of newfound riches and been rendered incapable of critical analysis of even the most elementary technical considerations. In a word: Payola! The concept of putting broad-spectrum digital noise radio frequency (RF) energy directly on an overhead power grid "antenna," while expecting it not to radiate and cause incalculable damage to authorized spectrum users who will receive it as harmful interference is so ludicrous that the Commission will find itself defending against the Payola charge. One explanation I have heard offered is that Our Enemies in the War on Terrorism have simply figured out a way to get us to utterly destroy our High Frequency (HF) communications ability—and the Commissioners took the bait!

By a copy of these Comments furnished to my Elected Representatives in Congress I am urging that the Federal Communications Commission budget for next year be reduced to just that amount necessary to terminate all Commission operations and employment. That's what I think of your enthusiasm for such a technically stupid idea.

Respectfully submitted,

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